

WHEREAS; according to the National Organization for Rare Disorders, familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) is a rare inherited cancer predisposition syndrome characterized by the development of hundreds to thousands of precancerous colorectal polyps which, if left undiagnosed or untreated, can lead to colorectal cancer and predispose affected individuals to other cancers, including in the small intestine, thyroid, stomach, pancreas, liver, and brain, as well as desmoid tumors and osteomas; and

WHEREAS; the National Organization for Rare Disorders further reports that attenuated familial adenomatous polyposis (AFAP) is a variant of the condition characterized by an increased risk for colorectal cancer, although lower risk than classical FAP, with fewer polyps that exhibit a later age of onset; and

WHEREAS; while many individuals with FAP/AFAP may not be aware of their conditions, research suggests that siblings and children of affected individuals are at a 50 percent risk of inheriting the condition, underscoring the importance of screening and diagnosis; and

WHEREAS; FAP/AFAP can be diagnosed through colonoscopy and genetic testing; and

WHEREAS; appropriate screenings and proper health management in individuals with FAP/AFAP can significantly reduce their risk of colon cancer and other cancers, greatly improving both life expectancy and quality of life; and

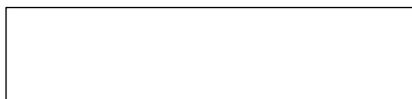
WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins affected individuals and their families, healthcare providers, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in spreading awareness of FAP/AFAP in order to ensure timely screening, diagnosis, and treatment of the condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 12 through 18 2023 as

## **FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State